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AVAILABILITY OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh based steel plants are facing any difficulty in getting adequate quantity of iron ore from Odisha and due to its non-availability, such plants are facing closure;

(b) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the policy of the Government of Odisha for providing iron ore to other States;

(d) whether the said policy is against the interests of steel industry in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the details of iron ore received in Chhattisgarh from Odisha during the current fiscal year in comparison to last fiscal year along with the shortfall, if any, recorded in the current fiscal year vis-a-vis last two fiscal years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) As per information given by the Government of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh based steel plants are facing difficulty in getting adequate quantity of iron ore from Odisha. However, no permanent closure of the plants attributed to this reason has been reported.

(b) NMDC has been prevailed upon to supply adequate quantity iron ore to State based plants.

(c)&(d) The Government of Odisha has informed that there is no specific policy formulated by State Government for providing iron ore to other States.

(e) Data on interstate movement of ore minerals are not centrally maintained.